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National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 18 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

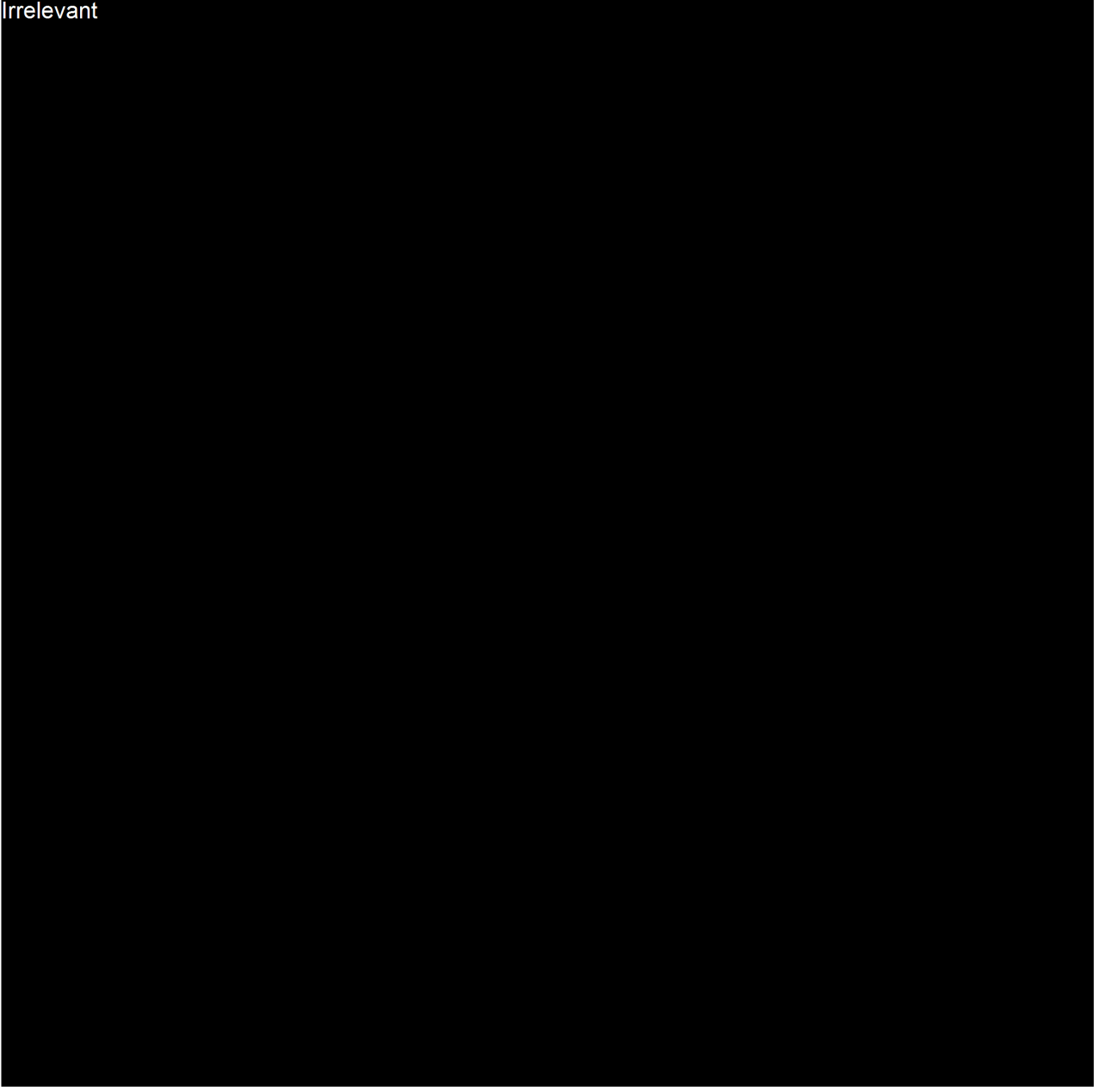
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MAIN POINTS

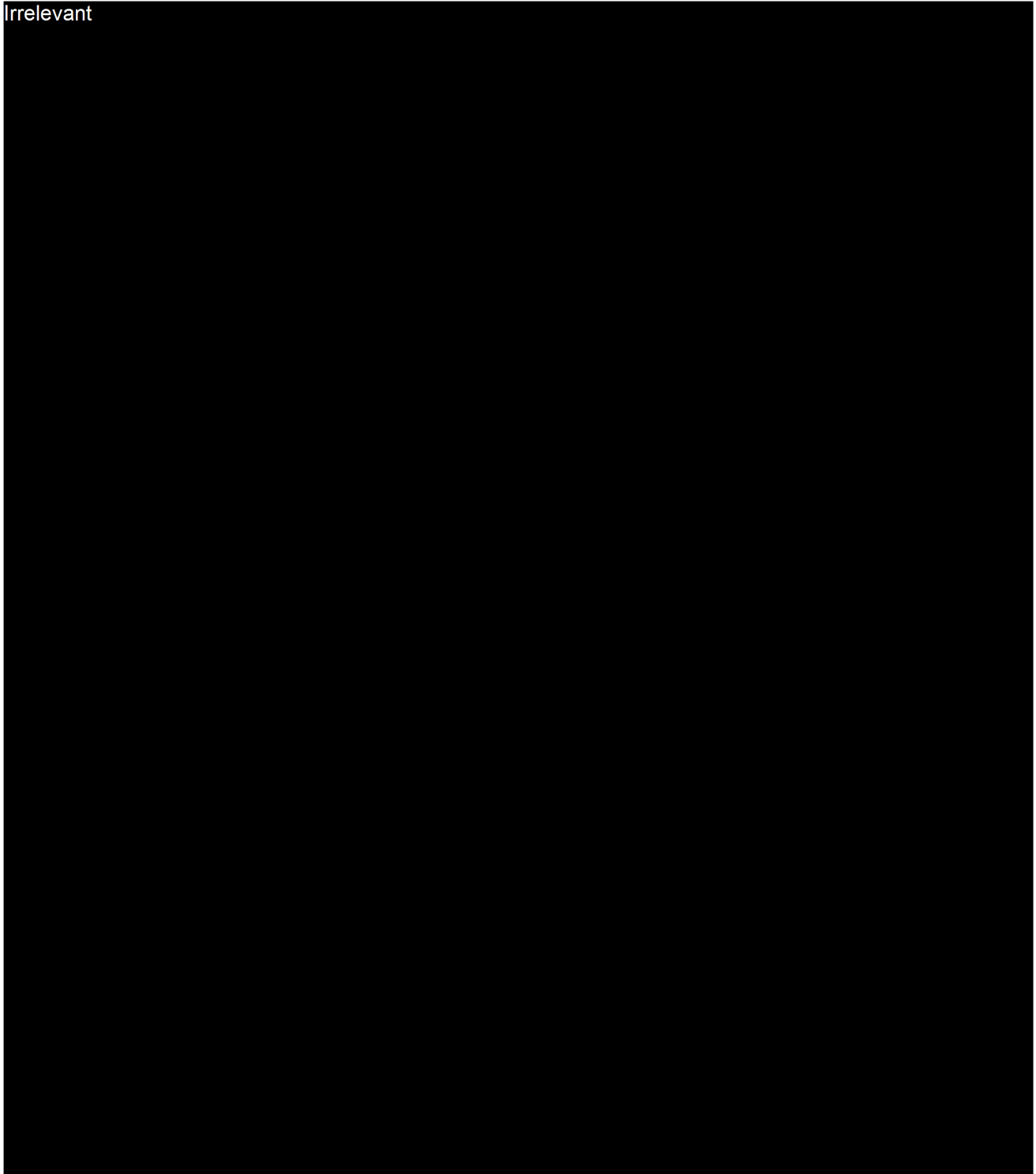
- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstrations

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

- On 14 Feb, the Prime Minister invoked the *Emergencies Act* including broadening the scope of anti-money laundering rules and directing banks to cut services.
- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 17Feb:
 - Police made several arrests on 17 Feb, including organizers Chris Barber and Tamara Lich.

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- Police set up hardening perimeter, with nearly 100 checkpoints on routes headed towards the downtown core.
- On 17 Feb, it was announced that the House of Commons would not sit today due to security concerns; the debate on the use of the EA was set to resume at 7am.
- On 16 Feb, Min Finance reported that a number of bank accounts of individuals linked to the blockades were frozen.
- On 16 Feb, the Children's Aid Society put out a statement urging parents to make alternate care arrangements should they become unable to care for their children following potential police action.
- A special weather statement (for rain, shifting to freezing rain, then snow) was issued for 16 to 18 Feb.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 28 Feb.
- On 17 Feb, TBS (OCHRO) reiterated messaging to all Chief Security Officers to avoid the downtown core and make alternate telework arrangement for employees.
- Other protests were held / are being planned across Canada, in solidarity with those in Ottawa. Areas impacted include:
 - North Portal, SK (POE):
 - On 17 Feb, approx. 100 vehicles arrived at an area outside the border; reports that the number of trucks is set to grow; RCMP are on site.
 - CBSA reports no delays at the border; RCMP are in communication with CP Rail Police, which operate a track east of the border – there are no concerns at this time.
 - Lacolle, QC (POE)
 - Social media reports that Freedom Canada Convoy has encouraged a demonstration at the Lacolle POE next Saturday, 19 Feb; Sûreté du Québec is stationed at the border crossing.
 - Quebec City:
 - On 16 Feb, reports of possible convoy headed to Quebec City over the weekend has put the Mayor and police authorities on high alert.
- On 13 Feb, a GiveSendGo data leak revealed that the majority of funds collected through the crowdfunding site came from foreign donors, including the U.S., U.K, and Australia.
- On 17 Feb, reports that the Canadian Civil Liberties Association is seeking a judicial review of the government's decision to invoke the *Emergencies Act*, stating that the measures are unconstitutional.

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